Arizona Department of Education Update on Educator Evaluation

Summit IV: Bridging Common Core Implementation to Educator Evaluation to Improve Teaching and Learning

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- At its January 28th meeting, the SBE discussed:
 - Revising the definition of Student Academic Progress to align with the federal definition: "Student growth" is the change in student achievement for an individual student between two or more points in time."
 - Student growth be a "significant factor" of a teacher's and principal's evaluation (20% minimum of the educator's evaluation).

Current Definition in AZ Framework

Academic Progress

• A measurement of student academic performance. These measurements can be either: 1) the amount of academic growth a student experiences during one school year; or 2) a single measure of academic performance, including, but not limited to, formative assessments, summative assessments, and AZ LEARNS profiles.

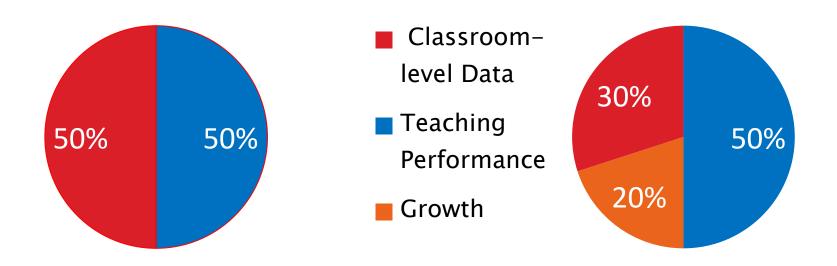
Proposed Definition

Academic Progress

A measurement of student academic performance. These measurements <u>shall</u> include the amount of academic growth students experience during one school year, and may include a single measure of academic performance, including, but not limited to, formative assessments, summative assessments, and the AZ LEARNS profiles.

Current Example

Proposed Illustration



4 Teacher Performance Classifications: Definitions Adopted on 1/28/13

- Highly Effective
- Effective
- Developing
 - The developing classification is not intended to be assigned to a veteran teacher for more than two consecutive years. This classification may be assigned to new or newlyreassigned teachers for more than two consecutive years.
- Ineffective

ADE's State Optional Model

- Pilot began in October, 2012
- Danielson Framework: for teachers
- ▶ ISSLC rubric: for principals
- 6 LEAs are piloting both models:
 - Williams Unified School District
 - Bisbee Unified School District
 - Maricopa Unified School District
 - Stanfield Elementary School District
 - Accelerated Elementary and Secondary Charter School (1)
 - Westwind Academies (4)

Evaluation of AZ Model Instruments

- AZ's Model Instruments are being evaluated by an external evaluator (REL)
- Two Year Pilot:
 - Year 1 focused on process/implementation
 - Year 2 focused on Common Core, SLOs, and process/implementation
- Evaluation consists of quantitative analyses (student academic progress data, survey data, weighting of components) and qualitative analyses (focus groups, interviews, and surveys)
- Preliminary results will be shared with SBE in June and help to inform changes to the Model Instruments for Year 2 of the pilot

State Optimal Pilot Model Trainings

4 days of Danielson Group Training

- ADE Training:
 - Overview of the Teacher Evaluation Model
 - Evaluators of Principals (with principals)
 - Teachers
 - Data/Data Collection
 - SLOs (Student Learning Objectives)

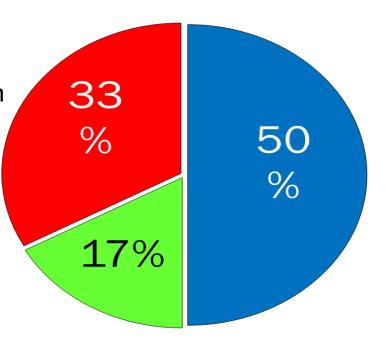
General Weighting for Teachers in Arizona's Pilot Teacher Evaluation Model

- 33% School/Classroom-Level Data
- 17% Survey/Peer Review/Self–Reflection
- 50% Teaching Performance

40 Points = Student Academic Progress

60 Points = Teaching Performance

20 Points - Survey Data, Peer Review



Surveys for Teacher Evaluation

Pilot 1: Weighting Survey Data -Grades 3-121

| Percentage for Survey Data or Other Measures | Point value | Example of Survey Data and Other Measures that could be used for this portion of the Teacher Evaluation | Example of a Rating System for the Survey Data | |
|--|----------------|---|---|--|
| 17% | 15 | Student Survey Recommendation: Set cut scores for the range of 1- 5 points and average the total score across administrations. | 15 points = 70% of student survey mean scores were a 2 or above. 10 points = 65-69% 5 points = 60-64% 1 point = 55-59% | |
| | 2 | Parent Survey | 2 points = 70% of parent survey mean scores were a 2 or above. 1 point = 50-69% | |
| | 1 | Teacher Completed Self-Review = 1 point | | |
| | 2 | Peer-Review | To be completed by 3 raters 2 points: the average of the three mean scores was a 2 or above. 1 point: the average of the three mean scores was between 1.0 and 1.99 0 points: the average of the three mean scores was below 1. | |
| | 20 | Total | | |

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Pilot 1: Weighting Survey Data -Grades K-2 Only¹

| Percentage for Survey Data or Other Measures | Point value | Example of Survey Data and Other Measures that could be used for this portion of the Teacher Evaluation | Example of a Rating System for the Survey Data | | | |
|--|----------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | 5 | Parent Survey | 5 points = 70% of parent survey mean scores were a 2 or above. 3 points = 50-69% of parent survey mean scores were a 2 or above. 0 points = Less than 50% of parent survey mean scores were a 2 or above. | | | |
| | 1 | Teacher Completed Self-Review = 1 point | | | | |
| | 4 | Peer-Review | 8% | | | |
| | 10 | Total | | | | |

Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)

Student Learning Objectives

- Definition: A student learning objective (SLO) is a classroom level (or school-wide) standards-based measure relevant to the content area taught during the current school year that is:
 - Specific and measureable
 - Based on available prior student learning data
 - Written to measure growth and/or achievement

Classroom SLOs

A measure of student mastery within a specific content area. For the AZ Teacher Evaluation model we require this objective to include all students in a class/classes for one content area.

Examples:

- 1. 90% of the students will achieve 80% mastery on the Grade 9 Algebra I end-of-course exam.
- 2. 80% of students who take the end of course AP World History exam will score a 3 or higher.

Targeted SLOs: GROWTH

A measure of **student growth** for a particular set of students in the lowest level of preparedness or achievement in order to master the content area.

Examples:

- 4 out of 6 students will increase 10 words per minute over their baseline median score on the Oral Reading Fluency assessment by the end of the year.
- 2. 2 out of 3 students will improve one achievement level on the Drama performance final exam as measured by a performance rubric.

Student Academic Progress Data

PILOT 1: Group B Specials Teachers¹

| Percent of School-Level Data | Category | Point Value | School/Classroom Level Data | Point Value | Data Source | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|--|
| 40 Points (33% of total) | Classroom SLOs | | | | | |
| | Growth | 32 | Targeted SLO | 32 | Current Year | |
| | Career & College Ready | 8 Choice of the following | Graduation Rate* | 8 | Prior Year | |
| | | | Percent of grade 8 students who earn Exceeds on AIMS Mathematics | | | |
| | | | AIMS CCR Equivalent Score | | | |

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• Matches A-F letter grade criteria (Alternative schools use their Grad Rate Criteria)

DRAFT/Not Yet Piloted: Teacher Data Tables

- Grades K-1 Teachers
- Grade 2 Teachers
- Grade 3 Teachers
- Grades 4-6 Teachers
- Grades 7 Language Arts Teachers, Reading Specialists, and Librarians
- Grades 7 Mathematics Teachers
- Grades 8 Language Arts Teachers, Reading Specialists, and Librarians
- Grades 8 Mathematics Teachers
- Grades 9 Language Arts Teachers, Reading Specialists, and Librarians
- Grades 9 Mathematics Teachers
- Grades 10 Language Arts Teachers, Reading Specialists, and Librarians
- Grades 10 Mathematics Teachers
- Grades 11&12 Mathematics, Language Arts Teachers, Reading Specialists, and Librarians
- > SEI Teachers (Grades K-2; Grade 3; Grades 4-8; Grade 9; Grade 10; Grade 11 & 12)
- Special Education Teachers with Students Taking AIMS (Grades K-2; Grades 3-10; Grades 11&12)
- Special Education Teachers with Students Taking AIMS A (Grades K-2; Grades 3-10; Grades 11&12)
- Group B Teachers with SLOs (varied across grades)
- Group B Teachers without SLOs (varied across grades)

General Weighting for Principals in Arizona's Pilot Principal Evaluation Model

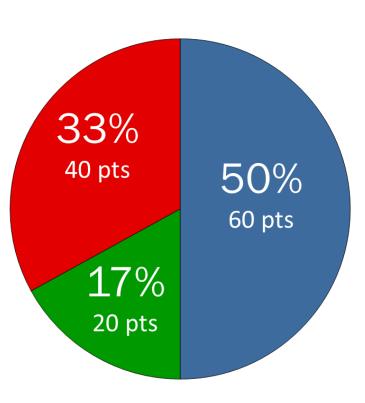
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- ▶ 50% Instructional Leadership
- ▶ 17% Survey Data

These percentages will be tied to a point system. The point system totals 120 points with:

40 Points = Student Academic Progress

60 Points = Instructional Leadership

20 Points = Survey Data



Principal Rating Tables: DRAFT/Not Yet Piloted

Pilot 1: Student Academic Progress Goals - K-12¹

| Percent of School- Level Data | Category | Point Value | School/Classroom Level Data | Point Value | Data Source |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|--------------|
| 40 Points (33% of total) | Achievement | 8 | Percent Passing AIMS & AIMS A* | 6 | Prior Year |
| | | | ELL Reclassification* | 2 | |
| | | | School Wide SLOs | | |
| | Growth | 24 | Student Academic Progress Goals | 24 | Current Year |
| | | | Targeted SLOs | | |
| | Career & College Ready | 8 | Graduation Rate* | 4 | |
| | | | Percent of grade 8 students who earn Exceeds on AIMS Mathematics | 2 | Prior Year |
| | | | AIMS CCR Equivalent Score- Reading | 1 | |
| | | | AIMS CCR Equivalent Score- Mathematics | 1 | |

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Pilot 1: State-Level Data Table for Principal Evaluation¹

| Percentage for School Level Data | Category | Point Value | Example of | School-Level Data that could be used for this portion of the Principal Evaluation | Point Value |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| | Achievement | 8 | Percent Passing AIMS & AIMS A * | | 6 |
| | | | | ELL Reclassification * | 2 |
| | Growth | 24 | Student Growth Target (SGT) ** | | 9 |
| | | | Median Student Growth Percentile * | | 9 |
| | | | ELL Performance Level (AZELLA) | | 6 |
| 40 Points (33% of Total) | Career & College Ready | 8 | Grades 9-12 | SAT/ACT | 2 |
| | | | | Graduation Rate * | 6 |
| | | | Grades 6-8 | Percent of grade 8 students who earn Exceeds on AIMS Mathematics | 4 |
| | | | | AIMS CCR Equivalent Score- Reading & Mathematics | 4 |
| | | | Grades K-8 | Attendance Rate | 2 |
| | | | | Reduction of Falls Far Below for Grade 3 Reading | 6 |
| | | | | Graduation Rate * | 6 |
| | | | Grades K- 12 | Attendance Rate | 2 |

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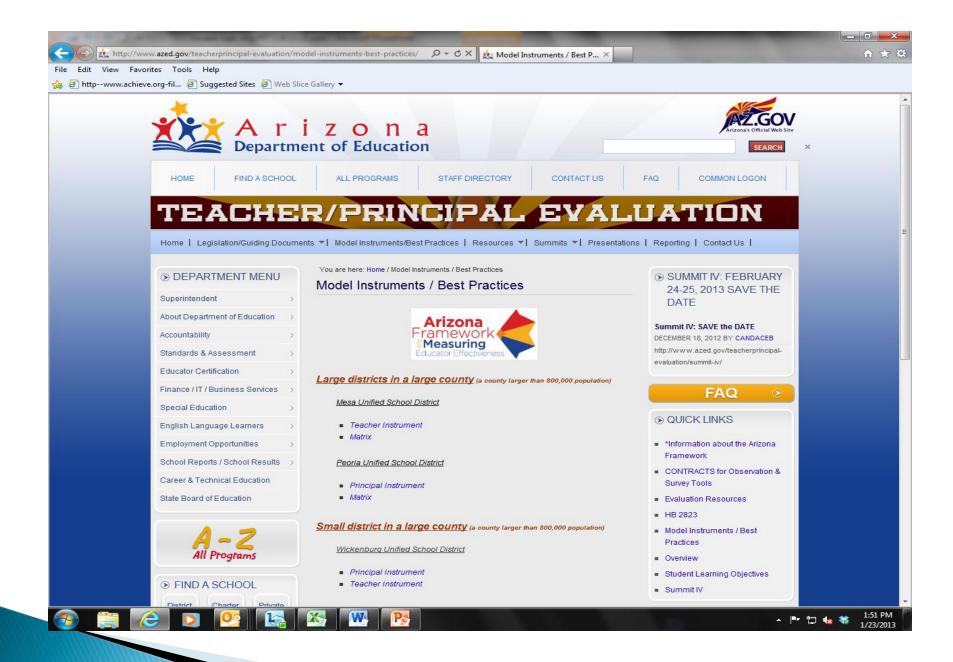
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^{**} New state initiative

Partner LEA Districts

- Part of WestEd's Regional Educational Laboratory's (REL's) study, tied to the pilot
- Focus is on implementation challenges and successes of their own models
- 5 Partner LEAs:
 - Flagstaff Unified School District ("homegrown")
 - Peoria Unified School District (Danielson)
 - Littleton School District (ASU's TAP)
 - Window Rock Unified School District (Marzano)
 - Buckeye Union High School District (Stronge)



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Teacher/Principal Evaluation Link:

http://www.azed.gov/teacherprincipalevaluation/model-instruments-best-practices/